

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 9 and 12 are amended herein.

Applicant requests the present application be preliminarily amended. These preliminary amendments are in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2005 for Application No. 09/769,605 of which the present application is a continuation.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0061323 to *East, et al.* The Examiner states with respect to independent claims 1 and 7 that *East, et al.* discloses the sending of personalization information for the server and client to the server and client, respectively, and the server and client personalizing themselves with the sent information.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 7, and thus also their dependent claims 2-4 and 8-9, respectively, to include the step of durably storing the sent server personalization information on the server and the sent client personalization information on the client. Dependent claim 9 has also been amended to clarify that the higher-tiered server also durably stores its personalization information. These amendments are fully supported by the specification, for example at page 3, line 21 - page 4, line 3. Durable storage envisioned by the present application is in a form which survives re-booting the client or server or re-logging into a server by a client or sub-server. Thus, it would include writing the personalization information to a locally accessible hard disk drive, but not simply storing the information in the random access memory ("RAM") of the server or client. Durable storage of the personalization information is not disclosed by *East, et*

al. In fact, *East, et al.* actually teaches away from the storage of such information by its description of and focus on "thin clients" - i.e., clients lacking significant storage and processing resources. See, *East, et al.*, paragraph [0006]. Thus, Applicants submit that *East, et al.* does not anticipate amended claims 1-4 and 7-9, and the rejection should therefore be withdrawn.

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 10-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of *East, et al.*

Claims 5 and 10-11 depend from and incorporate the limitations of amended independent claims 1 and 7, respectively. *East, et al.* does not disclose the storage of personalization information in a durable way, as in amended claims 1 and 7 and their dependent claims 5 and 10-11. Thus, rejection of claims 5 and 10-11 should be withdrawn.

Moreover, independent claim 12 has also been amended to recite the durable storing of respective personalization information by the new server and new client. This amendment is also fully supported by the specification, for example at page 3, line 21 - page 4, line 3. Therefore, rejection of amended claim 12 and its dependent claims 13-15 should likewise be withdrawn.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action have been overcome by the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (732) 634-7634 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

In the event there are any fees due and owing in connection

with this matter, please charge same to our Deposit Account
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